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SUBJ: SALVAGE OF U.S. OWNED VESSEL THE TRIMARIN "GAN"

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CONSULAR AGENT LAS PALMAS REPORTED AUGUST 9 THAT ITALIAN FISHING VESSEL "ANTOINETTE MADRE" ARRIVED IN PORT OF LAS PALMAS JULY 30 CARRYING 30 FOOT LONG U.S. REGISTERED TRIMARIN "GAN" WHICH IT PICKED UP IN VICINITY "27 DEGREES, 10 MINUTES, 64 DEGREES 50 MINUTES WEST" ON JULY 25 1976 AT 20:30. CAPTAIN OF ITALIAN VESSEL STATED HE TOOK POSSESSION OF "GAN" UNDER INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE LAWS, AS VESSEL WAS ABANDONED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

CONSULAR AGENT UNDERSTANDS VESSEL WAS PROPERTY OF U.S. CITIZEN HAMILTON FERRIS, P.O. BOX 1165, SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, TEL (408) 423-1745 AND THAT FERRIS RESCUED AT SEA JULY 13 AFTER ABANDONING TRIMARIN DURING STORM IN COURSE OF A VOYAGE FROM AZORES TO NEWPORT, R.I. OWNER OF VESSEL AWARE THAT IT HAS BEEN SALVAGED IN LAS PALMAS AND CONSULAR AGENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY CAPTAIN OF ITALIAN FISHING

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VESSEL THAT OWNER HAS NAMED BRITISH NATIONAL TO COME TO

LAS PALMAS TO REPRESENT HIM IN NEGOTIATION FOR RETURN OF VESSEL TO OWNER. CONSULAR AGENT BELIEVES THAT CAPTAIN OF "ANTOINETTE MADRE" IS ASKING FOR A SETTLEMENT OF U.S. DOLLARS 7,000 FOR RETURN OF THE TRIMARIN TO ITS OWNER AND STATED THAT IF NO AGREEMENT REACHED HE WOULD DEPART LAS PALMAS AS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 14 TO HOME PORT AT BARI, ITALY TAKING TRIMARIN WITH HIM.

FOREGOING INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT/SCS IN EVENT OWNER OR OTHERS INQUIRE REGARDING THIS MATTER. POST WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. IT APPEARS AT PRESENT HOWEVER THAT SALVOR AND OWNER ATTEMPTING TO SETTLE MATTER PRIVATELY.
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